# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

| JUSTIN SMITH<br>11908 Millbrook Road   |                             |
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| Philadelphia, PA 19154   | :<br>: CIVIL ACTION         |
| Plaintiff,   | :<br>: No                   |
| v.   | :<br>:                      |
| WALMART, INC. d/b/a WAL-MART<br>SUPERCENTER<br>4301 Byberry Road<br>Philadelphia, PA 19154 | : JURY TRIAL DEMANDED : : : |
| Defendant.   | :<br>:                      |

## **CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff, by and through his undersigned counsel, hereby avers as follows:

#### INTRODUCTION

1. This action has been initiated by Justin Smith (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff," unless indicated otherwise) against Walmart (hereinafter referred to as "Defendant" unless indicated otherwise) for violations of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ("Title VII" - 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d et seq.), Section 1981 of the Civil Rights Act of 1866 ("Section 1981" – 42 U.S.C. § 1981), the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended ("ADA" - 42 USC §§ 12101 et. seq.), and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act ("PHRA"). As a direct consequence of Defendant's unlawful actions, Plaintiff seeks damages as set forth herein.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Plaintiff's claims under the PHRA are referenced herein for notice purposes. He is required to wait 1 full year before initiating a lawsuit from date of dual-filing with the EEOC. Plaintiff must however file his lawsuit in advance of same because of the date of issuance of his federal right-to-sue-letter under Title VII and the ADA. Plaintiff's PHRA claims however will mirror identically his federal claims under Title VII and the ADA.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 2. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over the instant action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343(a)(4) because it arises under the laws of the United States and seeks redress for violations of federal laws.
- 3. This Court may properly maintain personal jurisdiction over Defendant because its contacts with this state and this judicial district are sufficient for the exercise of jurisdiction over Defendant to comply with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice, satisfying the standard set forth by the United States Supreme Court in *Int'l Shoe Co. v. Washington*, 326 U.S. 310 (1945), and its progeny.
- 4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) and (b)(2), venue is properly laid in this district because Defendant is deemed to reside where it is subjected to personal jurisdiction, rendering Defendant a resident of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
- 5. Plaintiff filed a Charge of discrimination and retaliation with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") and also dual-filed said charge with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission ("PHRC"). Plaintiff has properly exhausted his administrative proceedings before initiating this action by timely filing and dual-filing his Charge with the EEOC and PHRC, and by filing the instant lawsuit within 90 days of receiving a right-to-sue letter from the EEOC.

#### **PARTIES**

- 5. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein in their entirety as if set forth in full.
  - 6. Plaintiff is an adult individual, with an address as set forth in the caption.
- 7. Defendant Walmart Inc. d/b/a Wal-Mart Superstore is an American multinational retailing corporation that operates as a chain of hypermarkets, discount department stores, and

grocery stores in multiple states, including the location at which Plaintiff worked in Philadelphia, PA (as identified in the above caption).

8. At all times relevant herein, Defendant acted by and through its agents, servants, and employees, each of whom acted at all times relevant herein in the course and scope of their employment with and for Defendant.

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 9. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein in their entirety as if set forth in full.
  - 10. Plaintiff is an adult Caucasian male.
- 11. Plaintiff was employed with Defendant as a laborer for approximately 1.5 years, from in or about March of 2017 until his unlawful termination (as discussed *infra*) on or about October 9, 2018.
- 12. During his employment with Defendant, Plaintiff was a hard-working employee who performed his job well.
- 13. Plaintiff was primarily supervised by a black male supervisor Abron (last name unknown, *hereinafter* referred to as "Abron").
- 14. Plaintiff's mother, Theresa Smith (hereinafter "TS"), was also employed with Defendant (as a cashier) for approximately 1.5 years, from in or about March of 2017 until in or about October of 2018.

## Retaliation - Wrongful Termination & Hostile Work Environment

- 15. During Plaintiff's tenure with Defendant, his mother (TS) engaged in multiple forms of protected activity. For example, but not intended to be an exhaustive list:
  - a. TS was subjected to unwelcomed sexual comments and gestures by Customer Service Manager, Brian, including comments such as "You're wet between the

- legs," "Lick my clit," and "You're just mad because you're wet between the legs, lick my clit." TS reported the conduct to Defendant's management and corporate representatives on several occasions throughout her employment with Defendant; however, her complaints were not well-addressed and she was subjected to retaliation (as discussed *infra*), which she also continually reported to Defendant's management and corporate representatives;
- b. At all times relevant during her employment with Defendant, TS suffered from a seizure disorder, which required daily medication and resulted in periodic seizures, and (at times) limited her ability to perform some daily life activities. Despite her serious health condition and limitations, TS was still able to perform the duties of her job well; however, she required reasonable medical accommodations in the form of intermittent and/or block leave for doctor's appointments and treatment. TS was faced with hostility and animosity and multiple forms of retaliation from Defendant's management because of her disability and requests for accommodations, including but not limited to Defendant's failure to accept her doctors' notes and approve her leave, and Defendant's management's assessment of points against her for utilizing reasonable accommodations in the form of medical leave. TS complained on several occasions about the aforesaid disability discrimination and retaliation that she was being subjected to; however, her complaints were not well-addressed, and she continued to report the retaliation and disability discrimination Defendant's management and corporate representatives; and
- c. During her tenure with Defendant, TS (Caucasian) was discriminated against and subjected to a hostile work environment based on her race. Two black cashier

supervisors treated TS in a rude and condescending manner and regularly talked down to her; selectively enforced policies against her; and unlike her black-co-workers refused to sign off on TS's training graduation (to qualify for a raise) and assessed disciplinary points against her for infractions she did not actually commit. TS complained of discrimination to Defendant's management but was in turn faced with increased hostility and animosity and multiple forms of retaliation from Defendant's management because of her reports of race discrimination.

- 16. It was widely known throughout Plaintiff's work location, that TS made the aforementioned complaints of sexual harassment, disability discrimination, racial discrimination, and/or retaliation for making complaints of discrimination to several members of Defendant's management and corporate representatives. This caused a significant corporate presence in the workplace.
- 17. Upon information and belief, Defendant's management and corporate representatives largely ignored TS's aforesaid complaints of discrimination.
- 18. Instead, Defendant's management subjected both TS and Plaintiff to retaliatory behavior. For example, but not intended to be an exhaustive list:
  - a. Defendant's management removed TS her from the cash registers, subjected her to pretextual admonishment, shifted her around to different departments that were disliked generally or where she had to perform heavy lifting; gave her increasingly more work than other employees, reduced her hours, and eventually removed her from the schedule entirely<sup>2</sup>; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This is not an exhaustive list of the retaliatory and/or discriminatory actions taken against TS during Plaintiff's employment with Defendant.

- b. Defendant's management, including but not limited to Abron, treated Plaintiff in a condescending manner; overly scrutinized and criticized his work; selectively enforced policies against him; and also gave him increasingly more work than other employees.
- 19. In the midst of TS's complaints of sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation, Plaintiff was abruptly terminated on or about October 9, 2018.<sup>3</sup> Defendant's management claimed that Plaintiff was being terminated for allegedly writing some graffiti in the workplace (discussed in further detail *infra*). Plaintiff was accused of this conduct, even though he had no history of engaging in this conduct and despite the fact that anyone who worked in the store could have been responsible for the graffiti.
- 20. Plaintiff's termination was completely pretextual, as his termination occurred (1) in the midst of TS's complaints of sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation; and (2) after being subjected to multiple forms of harassment following TS's complaints of discrimination and retaliation.
- 21. Plaintiff believes and therefore avers that he was terminated in retaliation for his mother's (1) complaints of sexual harassment; (2) complaints of disability discrimination; (3) complaints of racial discrimination; and/or (4) requests for reasonable medical accommodations.

#### **Race Discrimination**

22. In addition to being subjected to retaliatory harassment by Defendant's management because of his mother's request for medical accommodation and/or complaints of sexual harassment, discrimination and retaliation, Plaintiff was also discriminated against and subjected to a hostile work environment based on his race.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Plaintiff's mother was terminated shortly thereafter, in or about November of 2018.

- 23. From in or about April of 2017 until Plaintiff's termination from Defendant on or about October 9, 2018, Abron subjected Plaintiff and other Caucasian employees to race discrimination and harassment. By way of example, but not intended to be an exhaustive list:
  - a. Unlike Plaintiff's black co-workers, Abron treated Plaintiff and other Caucasian employees in a rude and demeaning manner, and regularly talked down to them;
  - b. Unlike Plaintiff's black co-workers, Abron selectively enforced policies against Plaintiff and his Caucasian co-workers;
  - c. Plaintiff was given substantially more work by Abron than Plaintiff's black coworkers; and
  - d. Plaintiff's black co-workers were permitted to use their personal cell phones during work hours; however, Plaintiff and his Caucasian co-workers were not permitted to or were disciplined for same.
- 24. While employed with Defendant, Plaintiff complained to Defendant's management, including but not limited to Abron; Store Manager, Andrew (Caucasian hereinafter "Andrew"); and Assistant Manager, Fiona (black hereinafter "Fiona") about the aforementioned instances of race discrimination.
- 25. Despite Plaintiff's aforesaid complaints of discrimination, Defendant failed to properly investigate or resolve such concerns, and Plaintiff was subjected to progressive hostility and animosity by Defendant's management.
- 26. For example, toward the end of Plaintiff's employment with Defendant, Custom Service Manager, Kwami (black spelled phonetically), approached Plaintiff and asked him if he had seen the graffiti on the bathroom walls and if he was responsible. Plaintiff replied that he had seen the graffiti but was not responsible.

- 27. Shortly thereafter, on or about October 9, 2018, Abron approached Plaintiff and a group of other employees who were gathered around a piece of equipment in the back room that contained graffiti. Despite the fact that there were several employees around the equipment, and that Abron had not witnessed anyone drawing directly on the equipment, Abron walked directly up to Plaintiff and stated, "I think this will be the last day you are working here."
- 28. Approximately 15 minutes after Abron discovered Plaintiff and a group of employees standing around a piece of Defendant's equipment that contained graffiti, Plaintiff was called into a meeting with Assistant Manager, Crystal Dunn (hereinafter "Dunn"). Dunn informed Plaintiff that he was being terminated because Abron had witnessed Plaintiff drawing with a marker on Defendant's equipment.
- 29. Dunn further advised Plaintiff during his termination meeting that while she suspected that he drew on the bathroom stalls, she was not terminating him for same because she had no proof.
- 30. Defendant's reason for terminating Plaintiff on or about October 9, 2018 writing graffiti on workplace surfaces was completely pretextual because Plaintiff had no history of engaging in this conduct and Abron discovered the graffiti on Defendant's equipment sometime after it had been applied. As a result, anyone in the workplace who used the store restrooms or worked in the facility could have been responsible for the graffiti.
- 31. Plaintiff believes and therefore avers that he was abruptly terminated from his employment with Defendant on or about October 9, 2018, because of his race and/or his complaints of race discrimination.

# COUNT I <u>Violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ("Title VII")</u> (Retaliation – Wrongful Termination)

- 32. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein in their entirety as if set forth in full.
- 33. In the midst of his mother's (TS) renewed complaints of sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation under Title VII, Plaintiff was subjected to retaliatory harassment by Defendant's management, including but not limited to condescending, demeaning, and disparate treatment.
- 34. Within weeks of TS's complaints of sexual harassment and race discrimination, and/or TS's complaints of retaliation for reporting same, Defendant terminated Plaintiff's employment on or about October 9, 2018, for completely pretextual reasons.
- 35. It is therefore believed and averred that Plaintiff was ultimately terminated from his employment with Defendant because TS complained of discrimination and retaliation under Title VII.
  - 36. These actions as aforesaid constitute retaliation under Title VII. 4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Even if an individual is not a witness or a direct complainant of discrimination, a termination of "someone so closely related to or associated with the person exercising his or her statutory rights" under Title VII is actionable retaliation. Thompson v. N. Am. Stainless, LP, 562 U.S. 170, 179 (2011). Of those individuals that are related to a claimant, "a close family member will almost always meet the Burlington standard" and therefore qualify as being within the protected "zone of interests." Id., 175; See also Milton v. Milligan, 2013 WL 828591, at \*2 (N.D. Fla. 2013) (The Supreme Court's holding in Thompson that anyone in the "zone of interests" of a person engaging in statutorily protected activity is protected from retaliation applies to § 1981 and any motion to dismiss to the contrary would be "unfounded"); Barber v. JTEKT Auto. Virginia, Inc., 2012 WL 1577364, at \*17 (W.D. Va. 2012) (denying summary judgment as to several plaintiffs' retaliation claims under Title VII and § 1981 in part because the plaintiffs could have fallen within the "zone of interests" to be protected from retaliation for other employees complaining of discrimination).

# COUNT II <u>Violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as Amended ("ADA")</u> (Retaliation – Wrongful Termination)

- 37. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein in their entirety as if set forth in full.
- 38. In the midst of his mother's (TS) requests for accommodations and renewed complaints of disability discrimination, failure to accommodate, and retaliation under the ADA, Plaintiff was subjected to retaliatory harassment by Defendant's management, including but not limited to condescending, demeaning, and disparate treatment.
- 39. Within weeks of TS's complaints of disability discrimination and failure to accommodate, and/or TS's complaints of retaliation for reporting same, Defendant terminated Plaintiff's employment on or about October 9, 2018, for completely pretextual reasons.
- 40. It is therefore believed and averred that Plaintiff was ultimately terminated from his employment with Defendant because TS complained of disability discrimination and a failure to accommodate under the ADA.
  - 41. These actions as aforesaid constitute retaliation under the ADA.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Fogleman v. Mercy Hosp., 283 F.3d 561, 564 (3d. Cir. 2002) (explaining that "the ADA contains an additional anti-retaliation provision that makes it unlawful for an employer 'to coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with any individual' exercising rights protected under the Act. 42 U.S.C. § 12203(b)" and holding that "[Plaintiff's] claim that he was retaliated against for his father's protected activity is valid as a matter of law"); Morgan v. Napolitano, 988 F. Supp. 2d 1162, 1178 (E.D. Cal. 2013) ("[I]t would appear that the [Supreme] Court's reasoning in Thompson [for Title VII] applies equally to the ADA and the ADEA. Third-party retaliation claims therefore appear equally cognizable under those statutes."); Wychock v. Coordinated Health Sys., 2003 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 3376, \*17 (E.D. Pa. Mar. 4, 2003) (holding that the ADA anti-retaliation provision "allows for a cause of action by an employee who did not engage in protected activity... However, the only parties that are entitled to make a claim under this provision are those who are close relatives of an individual who did in fact engage in a protected activity").

#### **COUNT III**

# <u>Violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ("Title VII")</u> ([1] Race Discrimination; [2] Retaliation; and [3] Hostile Work Environment)

- 42. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein in their entirety as if set forth in full.
- 43. During Plaintiff's employment with Defendant, he was subjected to discrimination and a hostile work environment through disparate treatment, pretextual admonishment, and demeaning and/or derogatory treatment because of his race.
- 44. Plaintiff complained to Defendant's management about the aforesaid racial discrimination that he was being subjected to.
- 45. Instead of investigating Plaintiff's aforesaid complaints of race discrimination, Defendant's management ignored them and subjected him to retaliation, including but not limited to ultimately terminating his employment for completely pretextual reasons on or about October 9, 2018.
- 46. Plaintiff believes and therefore avers that he was really terminated because of his race and/or his complaints about race discrimination.
- 47. These actions as aforesaid constitute unlawful discrimination, retaliation, and a hostile work environment under Title VII.

#### **COUNT IV**

## Violations of 42 U.S.C. Section 1981

- ([1] Race Discrimination; [2] Retaliation; and [3] Hostile Work Environment)
- 48. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated herein in their entirety as if set forth in full.
- 49. During Plaintiff's employment with Defendant, he was subjected to discrimination and a hostile work environment through disparate treatment, pretextual admonishment, and demeaning and/or derogatory treatment because of his race.

- 50. Plaintiff complained to Defendant's management about the aforesaid racial discrimination that he was being subjected to.
- 51. Instead of investigating Plaintiff's aforesaid complaints of race discrimination, Defendant's management ignored them and subjected him to retaliation, including but not limited to ultimately terminating his employment for completely pretextual reasons on or about October 9, 2018.
- 52. Plaintiff believes and therefore avers that he was really terminated because of his race and/or his complaints about race discrimination.
- 53. These actions as aforesaid constitute unlawful discrimination, retaliation, and a hostile work environment under Section 1981.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that this Court enter an Order providing that:

- A. Defendant is to promulgate and adhere to a policy prohibiting discrimination and retaliation in the future against any employee(s);
- B. Defendant is to compensate Plaintiff, reimburse Plaintiff, and make Plaintiff whole for any and all pay and benefits Plaintiff would have received had it not been for Defendant's illegal actions, including but not limited to back pay, front pay, salary, pay increases, bonuses, insurance, benefits, training, promotions, reinstatement and seniority;
- C. Plaintiff is to be awarded punitive damages, as permitted by applicable law, in an amount believed by the Court or trier of fact to be appropriate to punish Defendant for its willful, deliberate, malicious and outrageous conduct and to deter Defendant or other employers from engaging in such misconduct in the future;
- D. Plaintiff is to be accorded other equitable and legal relief as the Court deems just, proper and appropriate (including but not limited to damages for emotional distress, pain, suffering and humiliation); and

E. Plaintiff is to be awarded the costs and expenses of this action and reasonable attorney's fees as provided by applicable federal and state law.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 11, 2019

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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#### FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### DESIGNATION FORM

(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

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JS 44 (Rev. 06/17)

## **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

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| I. (a) PLAINTIFFS   |  |  | DEFENDANTS   |  |  |  |
| SMITH, JUSTIN   |  |  | WALMART, INC.  | D/B/A WAL-MART S   | UPERCENTER   |  |
| (b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Philadelphia (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)   |  |  | County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Philadelphia  (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)  NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.  |  |  |  |
| (c) Attorneys (Firm Name, )   | Address, and Telephone Number)   |  | Attorneys (If Known)   |  |  |  |
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| 2 U.S. Government<br>Defendant  | 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item II  |  | en of Another State  | 2 2 Incorporated and Proof Business In   |  |  |
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| IV. NATURE OF SUIT  |  | 1 1  |  |  | of Suit Code Descriptions. OTHER STATUTES  |  |
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| VI. CAUSE OF ACTIO  | Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which y Title VII (42USC2000); Section   | ou are filing <i>(1</i><br>1981 (42 <u>U</u>   | Oo not cite jurisdictional state   | des uniess diversity):   |  |  |
|   | Violations of Title VII, Section   |  |  |  |  |  |
| VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:  | O CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTUNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.   | rion D   | DEMAND \$  | JURY DEMAND  | y if demanded in complaint:  D: X Yes 'No  |  |
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